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FEDERAL INMATE SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ASSAULT ON CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - David B. Hearne, 31, an inmate of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, was sentenced to 180 months in prison today by U.S. District Judge William T. Lawrence following his guilty plea to aggravated assault on a federal officer. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Hearne assaulted two correctional officers at the United States Penitentiary - Terre Haute on November 7, 2008. Following an argument regarding inmate movement with the first officer, Hearne struck her in the face with his fist. When the second officer interceded by moving between Hearne and the first officer, Hearne punched the second officer in the face with his fist and knocked him unconscious. This officer suffered some bruising and cuts to his mouth as well as brief unconsciousness.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Lawrence also imposed three years supervised release following Hearne's release from prison. The sentence will run consecutive to any term of imprisonment Hearne is currently serving.

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